

REMARKS

On page 7 of the Office Action, claims 7-11 and 13-14 were indicated as being allowable over the references if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 has been cancelled and claims 1, 8-11; 13-15, and 20 have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 7. Therefore, claims 1, 15, and 20 are in condition for allowance. As the dependent claims depend from respective independent claims, the dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, all outstanding rejections have been rendered moot.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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